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## Day Of Service Activity To Benefit Troops And Wounded Warriors

(Clearfield, Utah) – Davis County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is partnering with Operation Gratitude in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service to acknowledge deployed troops and wounded warriors with letters from home.

“Volunteers of all ages are being asked to support the men and women serving in the military through this simple yet meaningful manner,” said Viki Bowman, Davis County RSVP manager. “Spending 30 minutes or less to write a letter helps bring joy and comfort to an American service member.”

Davis County RSVP, through the Corporation for National and Community Service and locally sponsored by Davis County Health Department Senior Services, provides volunteer placement benefits for individuals 55+ years of age plus. For this Day of Service, volunteers of any age are invited to participate.

Letters will be distributed through Operation Gratitude, a national program supporting U.S. military by sending 100,000+ care packages throughout the world. Each package includes letters from individuals wishing to express their personal thanks and appreciation.

The letter writing campaign will be held on Thursday, Jan. 16, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m., in the following locations:

- Golden Years Senior Activity Center  
726 S. 100 E.  
Bountiful  
801-295-3479

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- Autumn Glow Senior Activity Center  
81 E. Center Street  
Kaysville  
801-544-1235
- North Davis Senior Activity Center  
42 South State Street  
Clearfield  
801-525-5080

At each location, Davis RSVP will provide writing materials, topic ideas, guidelines, envelopes, and shipping to Operation Gratitude. Letters also may be written at home and brought in during the campaign for mailing.

According to the Operation Gratitude website [www.OperationGratitude.com](http://www.OperationGratitude.com), "...of all the items included in these care packages, the most cherished are the personal letters of appreciation."

Guidelines offered on the website share advice for those not knowing how to start a letter such as:

- Begin with a salutation, such as "Dear Service Member" or "Dear Hero."
- Express your thanks for their selfless service.
- Avoid politics completely and religion in excess; however, saying you pray for them is wonderful.
- Share a little about yourself: family, hobbies, work, pets.
- Talk about life back home: sports, weather, music, movies.
- Adults: include your contact information (mail or email) if you would like a reply from the care package recipient.
- Children: FIRST NAME ONLY with parent's email or mailing information.
- Still can't find the words? Consider drawing or painting a picture instead (avoid glitter).

Join this effort to ensure that a Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, or Veteran knows that his or her sacrifices are appreciated. Please call RSVP for more information at 801-525-5094.

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